इटली के सहयोग से उद्योगों की स्थापना

652. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :**
डा० (श्रीमती) सरोजिनी महिषी :
डा० बापू कालदाते :

क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जनवरी, 1985 से अब तक की अवधि के दौरान कितने प्रकार के उद्योगों को इटली अथवा इटली की साझेदारी वाली अन्य विदेशी कंपनियों के सहयोग से भारत में कारखाना स्थापित करने की अनुमति दी गयी ; और

(ख) उनमें कितनी पूंजी लगायी गयी है और उनमें विदेशी कंपनियों की हिस्सा पूंजी कितनी है ?

औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) तथा (ख) जनवरी, 1985 से दिसम्बर, 1985 की अवधि के दौरान सरकार द्वारा विदेशी सहयोग से 1024 प्रस्ताव अनुमोदित किये गये हैं जिनमें से 56 प्रस्ताव इटली की कंपनियों से सहयोग लेने के लिए हैं । इनमें से 11 प्रस्तावों में इटली की कंपनियों की वित्तीय भागीदारी निहित है जिसकी कुल राशि 694.75 लाख रुपये है । विदेशी सहयोगों सम्बन्धी सभी अनुमोदनों के ब्योरे तथा भारतीय एवं विदेशी कंपनी का नाम, निर्माण की वस्तु, सहयोग की प्रकृति का प्रकाशन भारतीय निवेश केन्द्र नई दिल्ली द्वारा त्रैमासिक आधार पर अपने मंथली न्यूज लेटर के पूरक के रूप में किया जाता है । इस प्रकाशन की प्रतियां संसद पुस्तकालय को नियमित रूप से भेजी जाती हैं । इन कंपनियों द्वारा किये गये पूंजी निवेश के बारे में औद्योगिक अनुमोदन के सचिवालय में केन्द्रीकृत रूप से कोई जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

Meeting election expenses of candidates by Government

653. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Election Commission of India has recommended that Government should meet part of the election expenses of the candidates sponsored by recognised political parties;

(b) if so, the tpye of assistance proposed to be provided to the contesting candidates;

(c) whether the Commission has also recommended that candidates with proven criminal records and shady past should be disqualified from contesting elections; and

(d) if so, what follow-up action has been taken by Government in this regard including that of amending the concerned laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Election Commission has suggested that the election expenses of candidates sponsored by political parties may be shared partly in kind through supply of free copies of electoral rolls, free mailing of election literature, etc.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) The proposal is under consideration and final decisions would be taken along with other proposals relating to electoral reforms after discussion with political parties.

Suggestion by Chief Election Commissioner to bar independent candidates from contesting elections

654. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Chief Election Commissioner has suggested

during a recent conference of Chief Electoral Officers to bar independent candidates from contesting elections and holding a preliminary round of election to reduce the number of candidates;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering these suggestions; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

During the Conference of the Chief Electoral Officers held at New Delhi on the 28th and 30th December, 1985, the Chief Election Commissioner requested the participants to consider, among other things, the barring of independent candidates from contesting elections and holding a preliminary first round of election on a sample basis to screen out candidates failing to secure a minimum of votes. The Conference, however, did not favour the suggestions.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

655. [*Withdrawn*].

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Quicker delivery of registered letters

657. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Posts have recently prescribed a new procedure to ensure the quicker delivery of registered letters and also introduced a scheme of licensed postal agencies; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) 1. No general new procedure has been prescribed recently for quicker delivery of registered letters. However a scheme of delivery of registered letters at the Post Office window for post box holders has been introduced.

2. The Department has also introduced a scheme of Licenced Postal Agencies.

(b) 1. Post-Box holders who agree to the scheme will have to give authority to the postmaster of the office of delivery to hand over registered letters addressed to them (duly invoiced in list and sealed in a cover or a bag) to the messenger who collects unregistered mail from the Post Box. The addressee taking delivery will return one copy of the list to the Post Office along with the refused articles, if any. The scheme is voluntary.

2. Under the Licenced Postal Agencies Scheme Charitable Institution/Women's organisations/Co-operatives/War widows/Physically handicapped persons as well as commercial individuals and concerns may be granted licences to work as Postal Agents.

The following Postal Functions are assigned to Licenced Postal Agents:—

1. Sale of Postage Stamps and Stationery;

2. Booking of Registered Letters;

3. Clearance of Letter Boxes, and

4. Any other work assigned by the competent authority.

A commission of 5 per cent is paid to the Licenced Postal Agents on the sale of the Postage Stamps and Stationery. In addition a commission of 50 paise per article is also paid on the registered letters booked and despatched to Post Office.